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IKE Weather

Today

High: 70

Low: 57

Sunrise: 0735

Sunset: 1839

Partly Cloudy



Tomorrow

High: 68

Low: 49

Sunrise: 0736

Sunset: 1838

Partly Cloudy



IKE to Host Adult and Children's Holiday Parties for Sailors and Their Families

By MC3(SW) Patrick Gearhiser
5 Star Staff Writer

Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) are making plans to visit families or attend special events as the holiday season approaches. Two such events are the ship's holiday parties, one for adults and another for children, organized by IKE's Morale Welfare and Recreation Committee.

The parties are being organized through donations to MWR and contributions from IKE's 1st Class Association, Chief's Mess and Wardroom. Sara Dowell, IKE's MWR representative, helps the ship organize these events.

"We try to get a lot of feedback from the MWR board representatives from the different divisions about what they liked from previous year's parties," Dowell said. "We ask what they would like to see that they haven't seen before and just improve each year with something new and something different."

The adult holiday party,

on Dec. 5 at the Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel, will have many fun events designed for IKE Sailors and their guests.

"There's a buffet style dinner and areas to play games and win tokens that can be redeemed for prizes. We have a lot of stuff that can be won," Dowell said. "The hotel is also offering good room rates for only \$69."

Dowell said guests staying at the hotel will receive a voucher for free breakfast in the morning. IKE Sailors are encouraged to stay in the hotel so after attending they

can be safe and not run the possibility of having an issue out in town.

The children's holiday party Dec. 7 is tailored for the younger members of the IKE family.

"The children's holiday party is a collaboration between the family readiness group, the ship, MWR, the Chief's Mess and the Wardroom," Dowell said. "It's a lot of fun; the kids can come and have a good time. They can climb the rock wall, jump on the moon bounce, do some crafts and activities

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Seaman Joseph Anifowose hands a holiday party ticket to Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) John Miranda. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Patrick Gearhiser)

Sports Corner

South Africa's Long Journey to the World Cup

By George Vecsey

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

Danny Jordaan was flying from Johannesburg toward New York on Tuesday when the pilot announced that early voting favored Barack Obama. It reminded him of another election. "I was 46 when I cast my first vote in 1994," Jordaan recalled. Then he added, "I was elected to Parliament."

Jordaan, the chairman of the South African committee that will stage the World Cup of soccer in 2010, watched the celebration on CNN and compared the mood in America to the mood in South Africa on Feb. 11, 1990, the day Nelson Mandela walked out of prison after 27 years.

"The majority celebrated," recalled Jordaan, who had worked against apartheid without going to prison or into exile. "But many people did not celebrate," he recalled. "You have to be magnanimous."

After a long flight, Jordaan is in New York, seeing the images of people laughing and crying, often at the same time. Americans of a certain age are recalling demonstrations against segregation and perhaps the concussion of police truncheons on their heads.

South Africans like Jordaan, a former cricket and soccer player, can remember apartheid, violence, prison. They can also recall the pariah status in world sport, from 1964 until 1992, when South Africa was banned from the World Cup and the Olympics.

But now South Africa is part of the club, the designated host of sub-Saharan Africa in major world sporting events.

South Africa has already held the World Cup of rugby in 1995, when

President Mandela sported the green jersey of the Springboks, the South African rugby team, which had been the symbol of white power, white prowess.

Predominately white crowds chanted "Nel-son! Nel-son!" The Springboks beat the fabled All-Blacks (for their uniforms) of New Zealand in the final, and Mandela danced for joy. Then there was the 2003 World Cup of cricket, shared with Zimbabwe and Kenya.

The world soccer body, known as FIFA, has committed itself to spreading its top events to all the continents. Now Jordaan has flown to New York to assure everybody that the 2010 World Cup will be a success.

Jordaan knows there is skepticism about the stadiums, the hotels, the transportation, the security. Just about every major sports tournament around the world is dogged by tardiness, incompetence, graft, repression, you name it. The tear gas from civil unrest had barely been cleared before the 1988 Summer Games in Seoul, and they were a success. In Athens, the trolley lines and expressways were barely opened in time for the 2004 Summer Games.

But a tournament for 32 national teams is a huge task from a nation still only 14 years past gigantic change. A caretaker government is in charge at the moment, awaiting a new election in 2009, but Jordaan suavely noted that Germany had a change of parties shortly before the highly successful 2006 World Cup.

And Jordaan reassured a dubious journalist — that is to say, me — that the hosts would protect reporters who are usually the last to leave the darkened stadiums.

Questions of the Day



BMR

- (1) How many MOPP levels are there?

EAWS



- (2) What are the impact pads?

ESWS



- (3) What are the two ways to set the anchor brake?

Answers

(3) Manually and hydraulic.

(2) 45 degree angle pads laid down to absorb the shock from the swivel of the cable.

(1) Four.

NOTICE

The flight deck will be secured 30 minutes prior to sunset during this underway.

IKE Sailors Prep the Ship To Get Underway

By MC3 Zachary Martin

—5 Star Staff Writer

Several hours before leaving port, Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)

participate in a long, but necessary process that ensures the safety of the ship and its crew.

The special sea and anchor detail, comprised of Sailors from IKE's Deck,

Weapons, and Medical Department, is set before leaving and returning to port. These Sailors are tasked with various evolutions to get the ship underway.

"Sea and anchor requires a lot of personnel," said Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) William Squires, deck's 2nd division leading petty officer.

"We have bridge watches, and each of the twelve sea and anchor stations need gunner's mates, corpsmen and deck Sailors to man up."

Gunner's mates are charged with defending the ship against any possible attack.

Showing their dedication regardless of the weather, the GMs also shoot shot lines to the pier with special weapons.

"We have to get maneuvered by tugboats while we're in the channel," Squires said.

The ship's 12 mooring

lines range from the foc'sle to the hangar bays, the officer's quarterdeck, and the fantail.

1st division handles the foc'sle and the ship's anchors, while 2nd division is responsible for the fantail areas.

Along with moving mooring lines, a special material condition is set throughout the ship's lower decks, preventing flooding should an accident occur.

Smoking is secured throughout the ship, Squires said, primarily to prevent fires due to so many armed weapons around the weather decks and preserve the ship's appearance while pulling into and out of port.

The evolution, which can take upwards of five hours, is necessarily long due to the size of the ship, Squires said.

"We can't secure until we're completely out of the channel, and it's really a big ship," he said. ★



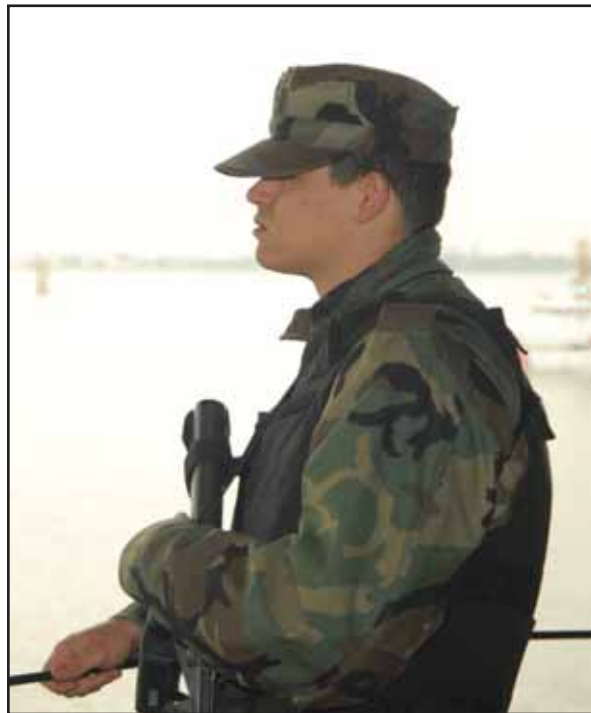
Top: Seaman Recruit Charles Givens and Seaman Apprentice Jerrie Lawson supervise the moving of mooring lines during Friday's sea and anchor detail. Left: Seaman Apprentice Anthony Garrett and Boatswain's Mate Seaman Recruit Christopher Plumley tie bowlines onto a mooring line on IKE's fantail. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Martin)

Special Sea and Anchor Detail

Seaman Apprentice Mike Gerhart and Boatswain's Mate Seaman Apprentice Brendan Garvey move a mooring line.



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Alan Schaefer stands guard as the ship gets underway.



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Mark Caleb, Gunner's Mate Seaman Cameron Massie, and Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Jeremy Plank prepare a weapon to defend the ship.



Seaman Apprentice Timothy Mahyna repairs mooring lines on the ship's fantail after being recovered from the pier.

**Photos by Mass Communication Specialist
3rd Class Zachary Martin**

SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Aviation Structural Mechanic
3rd Class Tyler Thompson

AIMD/ IM-2 Division

Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class (AW) Tyler Thompson, 23, is no stranger to a military lifestyle. Throughout his teenage years, he and his family had to relocate due to his father's military service in the Marines. Though he says Kirksville, Mo. is his hometown, Thompson attended high school in both Hawaii and Camp Lejeune, N.C. He graduated in June 2002. While in high school, he enjoyed running cross-country and track and field.

Thompson joined the Navy in August 2003 to better himself and serve his country. His first assignment was as a plane captain at VFA 211, Oceana. He graduated from Aviation Structural Mechanic A-school at Norfolk in August 2005 and reported to IKE in September, where he now works in Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department.

Short term goals Thompson has set for himself include earning his Surface Warfare pin and be promoted to petty officer second class, which he tested for this fall. Long-term, he would like to earn a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and retire after 20 years of service.

As he prepares to report to his next duty station in Hawaii next year, Thompson reflects on his time spent on IKE.

"I have had a lot of good experiences on IKE," said Thompson. "And it has been interesting to see how the ship has become tighter with teamwork over the last few years," said Thompson.

In his free time, Thompson enjoys surfing.

Holiday

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and meet Santa Claus."

Dowell believes that attendees to the parties will enjoy themselves and leave with happy memories.

"I hope everybody gets to come out and have a good time," she said.

"They don't have to believe me, so I tell them to ask someone in their division who has gone before and see if they had a good time or not."

For more information about the parties or to buy tickets, head to the MWR Office. ★

Warrior of the Week



Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Durham Martin of IKE's Supply Department was selected as this week's Warrior of the Week. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Bradley Evans)

Now Playing on IKE Movies

Channel 5

9 a.m. *Enemy of the State*
 11 a.m. *Charlie's Angels*
 1 p.m. *License to Wed*
 3 p.m. *Enemy of the State*
 5 p.m. *Charlie's Angels*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *The Benchwarmers*
 10 p.m. *License to Wed*
 12 a.m. *Enemy of the State*
 2 a.m. *Charlie's Angels*
 4 a.m. *License to Wed*

Channel 6

9 a.m. *1408*
 11 a.m. *Gridiron Gang*
 1 p.m. *She's the Man*
 3 p.m. *1408*
 5 p.m. *Gridiron Gang*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *The Polar Express*
 10 p.m. *She's the Man*
 12 a.m. *1408*
 2 a.m. *Gridiron Gang*
 4 a.m. *She's the Man*

Channel 7

9 a.m. *The Illusionist*
 11 a.m. *Guess Who*
 1 p.m. *Norma Rae*
 3 p.m. *The Illusionist*
 5 p.m. *Guess Who*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *One Missed Call*
 10 p.m. *Norma Rae*
 12 a.m. *The Illusionist*
 2 a.m. *Guess Who*
 4 a.m. *Norma Rae*

Around the World

Obama's Victory Is Altering Politics in Iraq

By Alissa Rubin

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

BAGHDAD — Barack Obama's victory is already beginning to shift the political ground in Iraq and the region.

Shiite politicians are indicating that they will move faster toward a new security agreement, and a Bush administration official said he believed Iraqis could ratify the agreement as early as mid-November.

"Before the Iraqis were thinking that if they sign the pact, there will be no respect for the schedule of troop withdrawal by Dec. 31, 2011," said Hadi al-Ameri, a powerful member of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, a major Shiite party. "If Republicans were still there, there would be no respect for this timetable," he said. "This is a positive step to have the same theory about the timetable as Mr. Obama."

Obama has said that he favors a 16-month schedule for withdrawing combat brigades, a timetable about twice as fast as that provided for in the draft security accord.

Many Shiite politicians had been under pressure from Iranian leaders not to sign a security agreement. Iran, which has close ties to Shiite politicians, has feared the agreement would lay the groundwork for a permanent U.S. troop presence in Iraq that would threaten Iran.

But now the Shiites appear to be

feeling less pressure, perhaps because the Iranians are less worried that an Obama government would force regime change in their country.

Of course, given the fractious state of Iraqi politics, the security pact could still be delayed.

But with Iraqis believing that Obama would move faster to withdraw troops, Iraqi and U.S. officials said obstacles to a security agreement appeared to be fading.

Jabeer Habib, an independent Shiite member of Parliament and a political scientist at Baghdad University, put it simply: "Obama's election shifts Iraq into a new position."

Gen. David H. Petraeus's decision to withdraw another combat brigade six weeks ahead of schedule reinforced the assurances by Iraq's defense minister that his troops could handle more of Iraq's security and sent a signal that the U.S. troop withdrawals would become reality.

An Obama administration is also expected to shift the focus to Afghanistan. U.S. officials have said that as the war deteriorates in Afghanistan, any additional forces sent there would have to be from among troops withdrawn from Iraq.

The security pact has become the way Iraqis define themselves ideologically. Sunni parties are nervous about the pact because in the past couple of years Americans have often been their protectors in sectarian fighting.



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